

**ZOO  
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The Lion alone of all  
wild beasts is gentle to  
those who humble  
themselves unto him.

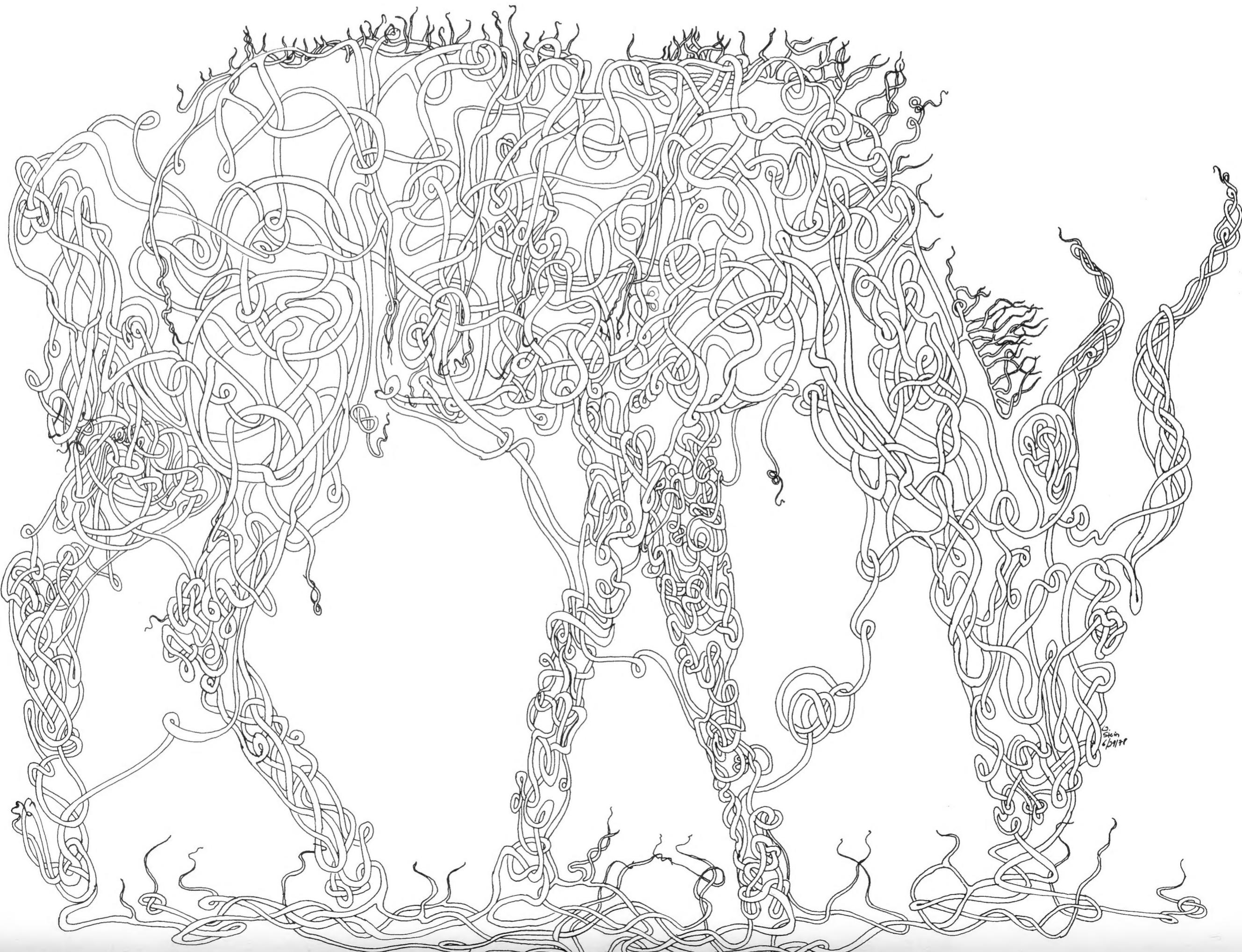
—*Pliny the Elder (A.D. 23-79)*

# JANUARY

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<i>A bird's eyes often take up more room in its head than its brain does.</i>		New Year's Day				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Martin Luther King's Birthday				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						FONZ Winter Classes Begin.
27	28	29	30	31		
				1961: The Zoo's Ham, "the space chimp," went aloft.		<i>The teeth of the adult bull sperm whale can reach 6-1/3 inches long.</i>

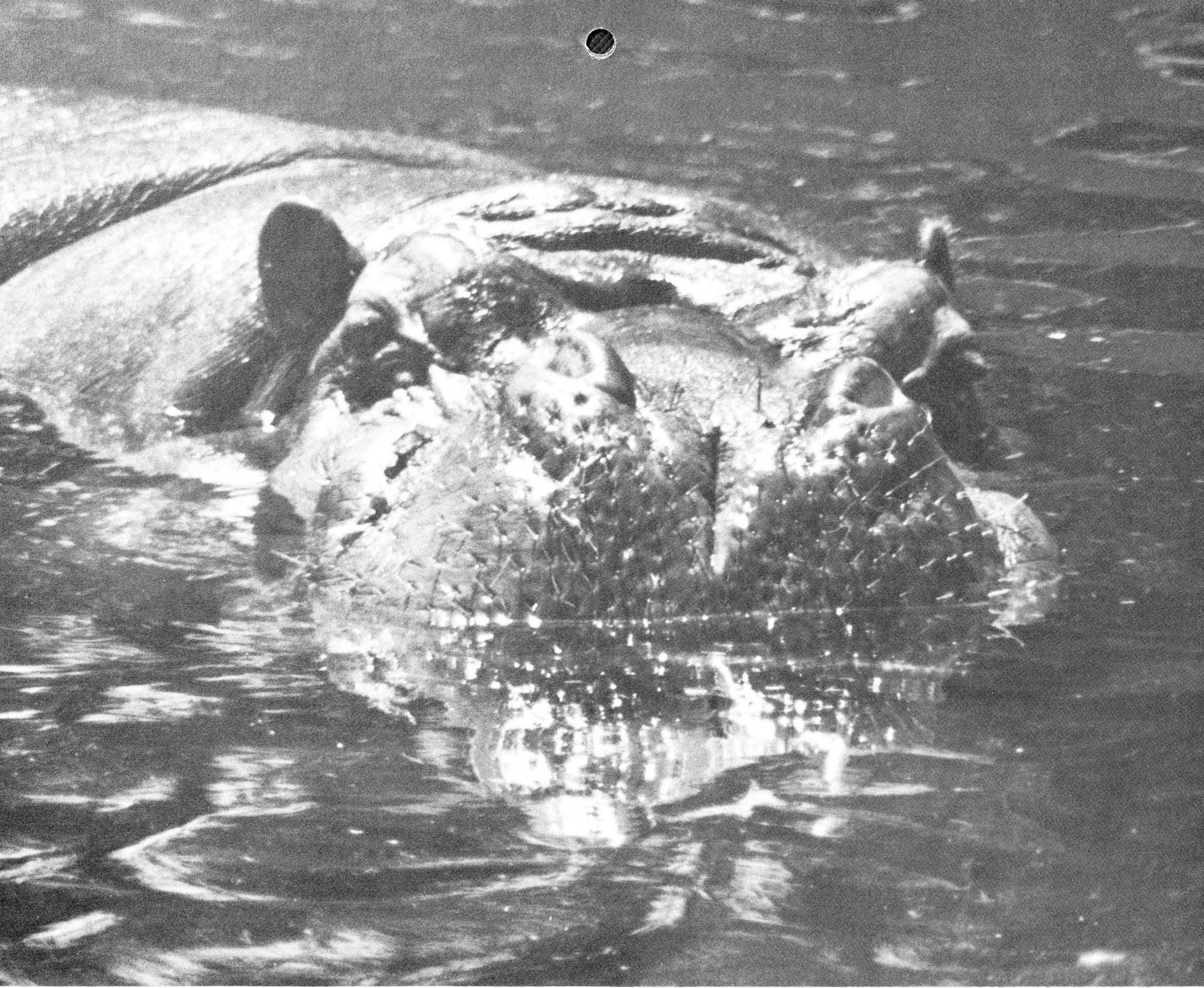
Deer are gentle and graceful  
And they have beautiful eyes.  
They hurt no one but themselves,  
The males, and only for love.

—Kenneth Rexroth



# FEBRUARY

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					1965: The Zoo's renovated Bird House opened.	
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Lincoln's Birthday		Valentine's Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					Washington's Birthday	
24	25	26	27	28	29	
					Leap Year Day	



The broad-backed hippopotamus  
Rests on his belly in the mud.  
Although he seems so firm to us  
He is merely flesh and blood.

—T.S. Eliot

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*The largest accurately measured African bush elephant was 12 feet, 6 inches tall at the shoulder and weighed about 24,000 pounds. It*

*was put on display in the rotunda of the Smithsonian's U.S. National Museum on March 6, 1959.*

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1889: National Zoo founded.

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FONZ Photo Exhibit Opens.

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Palm Sunday

Passover

Doubt is faith in the  
main; but faith, on the  
whole, is doubt;  
We cannot believe by  
proof; but could we  
believe without?

—Swinburne

*This is a tawny frogmouth, an  
Australian cousin of the owl.*



# APRIL

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<i>The Tamils of Sri Lanka use crushed red ants as smelling salts.</i>						
		April Fools' Day			Good Friday	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Easter Sunday						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			1972: Hsing-Hsing and Ling-Ling arrived at the Zoo.			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						FONZ Spring Classes Begin.
27	28	29	30	<i>Sixty days are required for a housefly to become a great-grandmother.</i>		



How beautifully everything is arranged by Nature: as soon as a child enters the world, it finds a mother ready to take care of it.

—Jules Michelet. *The African bongo is one of the shyest of the antelope species.*

# MAY

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1979: Beaver Valley opened.						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1975: Lion-Tiger Hill opened.	Memorial Day observed.				Memorial Day	



When the last corner lot is covered by tenements, we can still make a playground by tearing them down. But when the last giant panda goes, not all the lovers of animals in the world will be able to replace the loss.

# JUNE

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					FONZ ZooNight, Members A-M	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Raindate, ZooNight A-M	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					FONZ ZooNight, Members N-Z	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Raindate, ZooNight N-Z	FONZ Summer Classes Begin.
29	30	<p><i>Crocodiles and alligators are the only members of the reptile family that have loud voices. The mating call of the alligator resembles the boom of a cannon.</i></p>				



I think I  
could turn and  
live with animals,  
they are so placid and  
self-contained; I stand and  
look at them long and long.

—Walt Whitman. Above, three binturong,  
a species related to the palm civet.

# JULY

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<i>Owls have little or no sense of smell, which makes them the skunk's only natural enemy.</i>					Independence Day	
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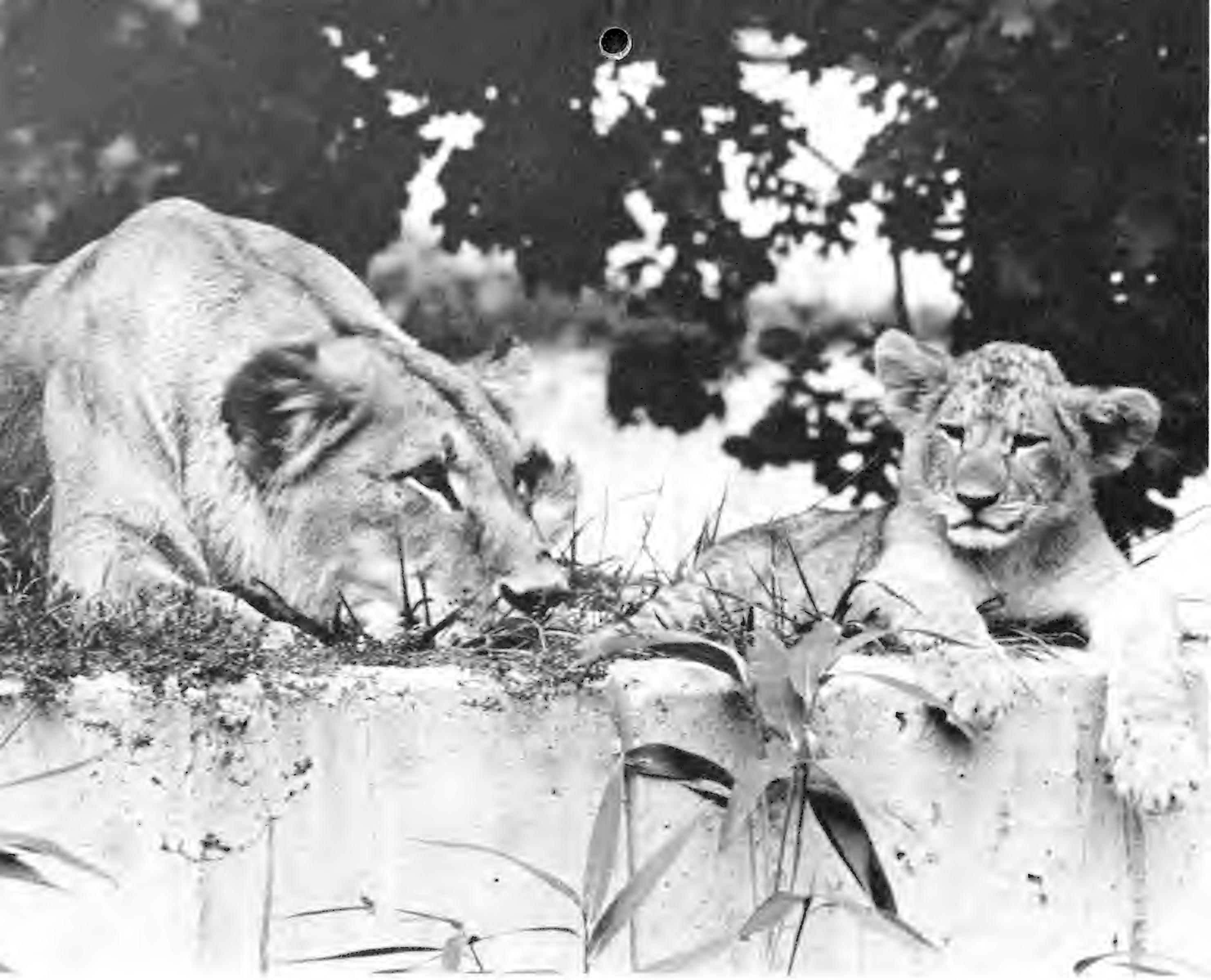
This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,  
This other Eden, demi-Paradise...  
This blessed plot—

—Shakespeare

*This is the Zoo's Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, Virginia, home of (among others) the scimitar-horned oryx and the rhea.*

# AUGUST

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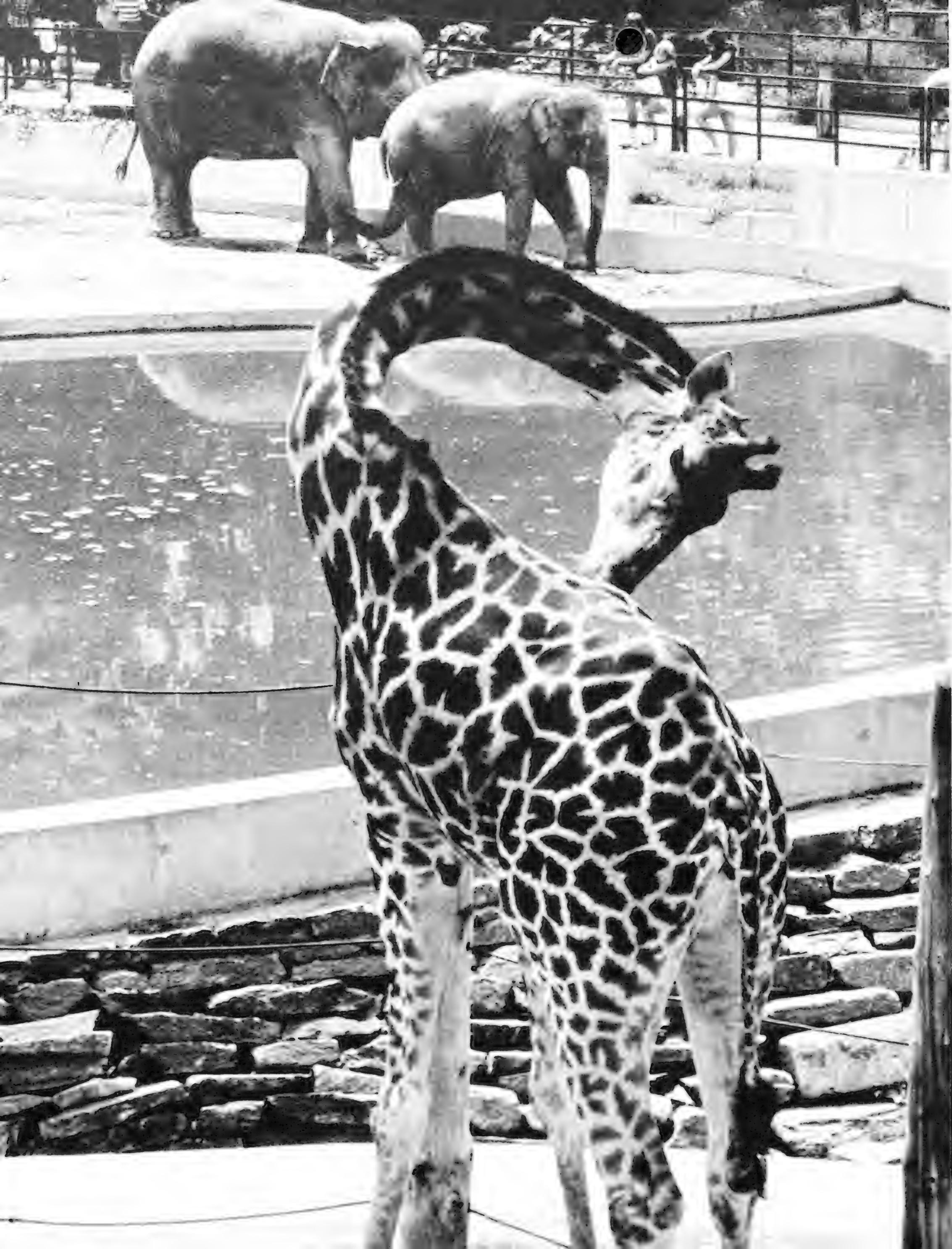
All the arts lose virtue  
Against the essential reality  
Of creatures going about their business  
among the equally  
Earnest elements of nature.

—Robinson Jeffers

*The rare Atlas lions are the new pride of the Zoo's Lion-Tiger Hill.*

# SEPTEMBER

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		Labor Day				6
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			Rosh Hashanah			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Yom Kippur	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						FONZ Fall Classes Begin.
28	29	30	<p><i>The aptly-named swifts are the world's fastest birds, reaching speeds in flight up to 100 mph.</i></p>			



A man was taken to the Zoo and shown the giraffe. After looking at it a little in silence: "I don't believe it," he said.

# OCTOBER

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Columbus Day	Columbus Day observed.					FONZ Annual Guided Tour of the Zoo
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
						Halloween

"We called him Tortoise because he taught us," said the Mock  
Turtle angrily. "Really you are very dull!"

—Lewis Carroll



# NOVEMBER

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A Chackma baboon named "Jackie" may be the only non-human primate in history to become a corporal in the army—and end up with a war medal! Jackie served in the First World War and got both his promotion and his medal for valor in service, shortly before the Armistice. Jackie's official army discharge papers stated that he was "bilingual."						
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		Election Day				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Veterans' Day				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30				Thanksgiving		

I confess freely to you.  
I could never look long  
upon a monkey, with-  
out very mortifying  
reflections.

—Congreve

*The beautiful, silvery roloway guenon  
is one of the stars of the Zoo's Monkey  
House*



# DECEMBER

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		Chanuka				
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FONZ Christmas-Tree Decorating Party					1960: Mohini Rewa, the Zoo's first white tiger, arrived.	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Christmas		
28	29	30	31			
				The longest snake on record is a reticulated python that measured 32 feet, 9½ inches.		
			New Year's Eve			

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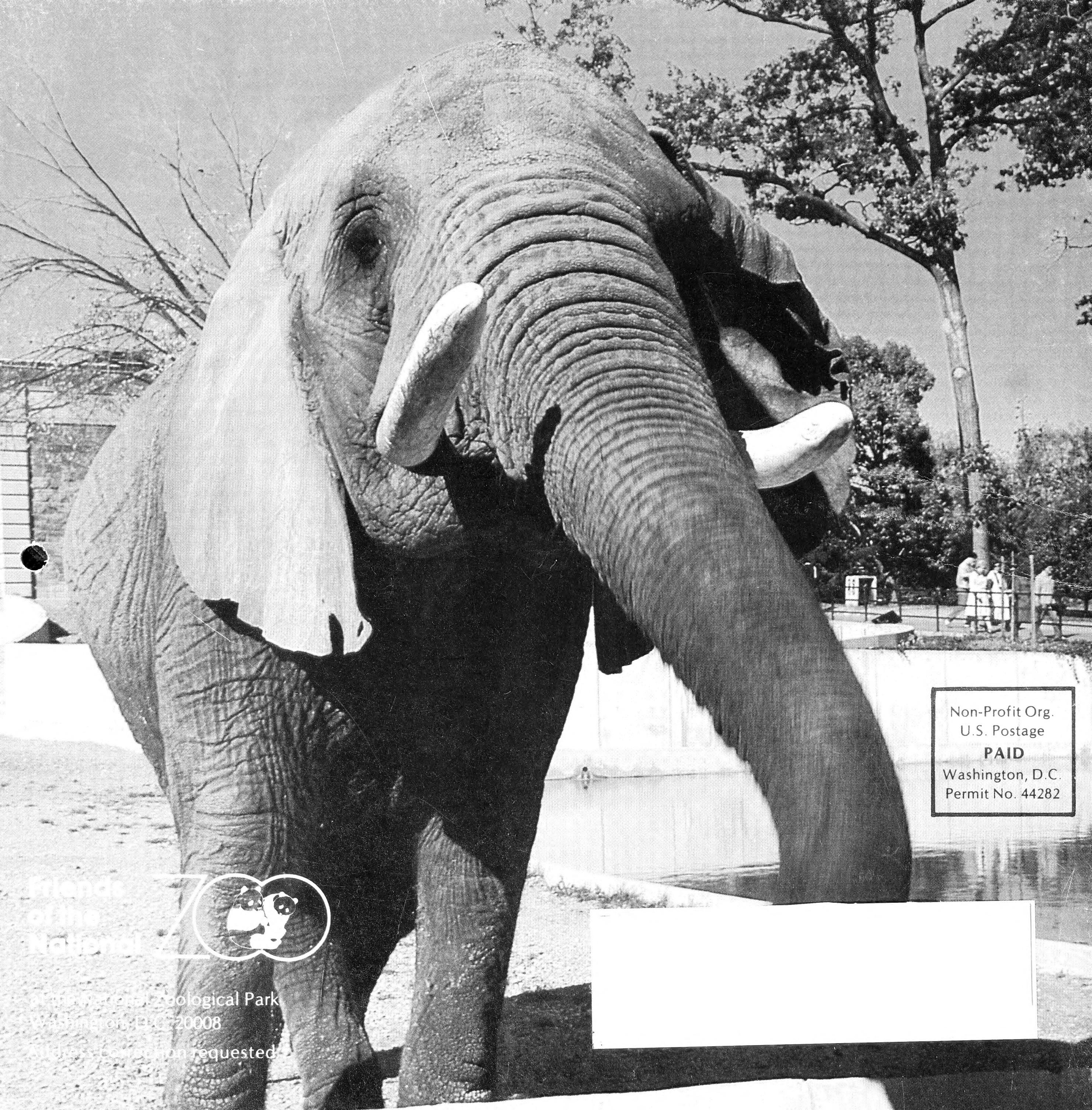
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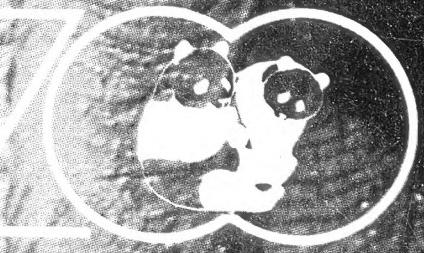
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